IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re U.S. Patent Application of NARAHARA et al. Application Number: 09/942,563 Filed: August 31, 2001 For: Nucleic Acid Arrays and Method For Detecting Nucleic Acid By Using Arrays of Nucleic Acid By Using Arrays of Nucleic Acid Arrays In the United States Art Unit 1634 Examiner Goldberg, Jeanine Anne Fax 703-746-5149

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir

This is in response to the office action dated April 25, 2003 and the telephone interview with the Examiner on July 15, 2003, in the above identified application, the period for response is set to expire on August 25, 2003, with a one-month extension filed herewith. Applicants' representatives are scheduled to have a phone interview with the Examiner on August 28, 2003. Please amend the above identified application with the replacement paragraphs/sections/claims as follows: